

About aerosol strategies and tactics

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Suggested for the strategy discussions:

ALADIN-HIRLAM can become the first limited-area NWP system that utilizes external near real-time aerosol concentration and optical properties for operational short-range weather prediction. This would allow us to make better forecasts during wildfire, desert dust intrusion, volcanic eruption and enhanced anthropogenic emission situations when aerosol concentrations in the atmosphere may significantly exceed climatological values. In such cases reliance on aerosol climatologies is insufficient for accurate forecasting of radiative fluxes and temperatures.

It will be possible for ALADIN-HIRLAM to do pioneering work here because we have expertise and people that have been working together in this area for years; because we cooperate closely with ECMWF that allows us to import external (Copernicus Atmosphere Monitoring System, CAMS) aerosol data in the system; because our system includes the needed code to base the developments on; and because we know what should be done to reach the goal. For the same reasons, we consider that this is a consortium-level strategic task that requires cross-canonical collaboration.

Cross-canonical collaboration needed!

Recently, several important articles published about aerosol impacts, properties, data available

ARTICLE

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Weak average liquid–cloud–water response to anthropogenic aerosols

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The cooling of the Earth's climate through the effects of anthropogenic aerosols on clouds offsets an unknown fraction of greenhouse gas warming. An increase in the amount of water inside liquid-phase clouds induced by aerosols, through the suppression of rain formation, has been postulated to lead to substantial cooling, which would imply that the Earth's surface temperature is highly sensitive to anthropogenic forcing. Here we provide direct observational evidence that, instead of a strong increase, aerosols cause a relatively weak average decrease in the amount of water in liquid-phase clouds compared with unpolluted clouds. Measurements of polluted clouds downwind of various anthropogenic sources—such as oil refineries, smelters, coal-fired power plants, cities, wildfires and ships—reveal that aerosol-induced cloud-water increases, caused by suppressed rain formation, and decreases, caused by enhanced evaporation of cloud water, partially cancel each other out. We estimate that the observed decrease in cloud water offsets 23% of the global climate cooling effect caused by aerosol-induced increases in the concentration of cloud droplets. These findings invalidate the hypothesis that increases in cloud water cause a substantial climate cooling effect and translate into reduced uncertainty in projections of future climate.

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An aerosol climatology for global models based on the tropospheric aerosol scheme in the Integrated Forecasting System of ECMWF

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Reviews of Geophysics

REVIEW ARTICLE

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Key Points:

- An assessment of multiple lines of evidence supported by a conceptual model provides ranges for aerosol radiative forcing of climate change
- Aerosol effective radiative forcing is assessed to be between -1.6 and -0.6 $W m^{-2}$ at the 16–84% confidence level
- Although key uncertainties remain, new ways of using observations provide stronger constraints for models

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Bounding Global Aerosol Radiative Forcing of Climate Change

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The CAMS reanalysis of atmospheric composition

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Studies within ALADIN-HIRLAM limited area system have been reported, focusing on the radiative impacts of aerosols and aerosol data

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Renewal of aerosol data for ALADIN-HIRLAM radiation parametrizations

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Abstract. Radiative transfer calculations in numerical weather prediction (NWP) and climate models require reliable information about aerosol concentration in the atmosphere, combined with data on aerosol properties. Replacement of the default input data on vertically integrated climatological aerosol optical depths at 550 nm (AOD550, Tegen climatologev) with newer data, based on those available from Copernicus Atmosphere Monitoring System (CAMS), is presented.

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Daniel Martin: Update of the Use of CAMS aerosols in HARMONIE-AROME, asm2020



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Article

Sensitivity of Radiative Fluxes to Aerosols in the ALADIN-HIRLAM Numerical Weather Prediction System

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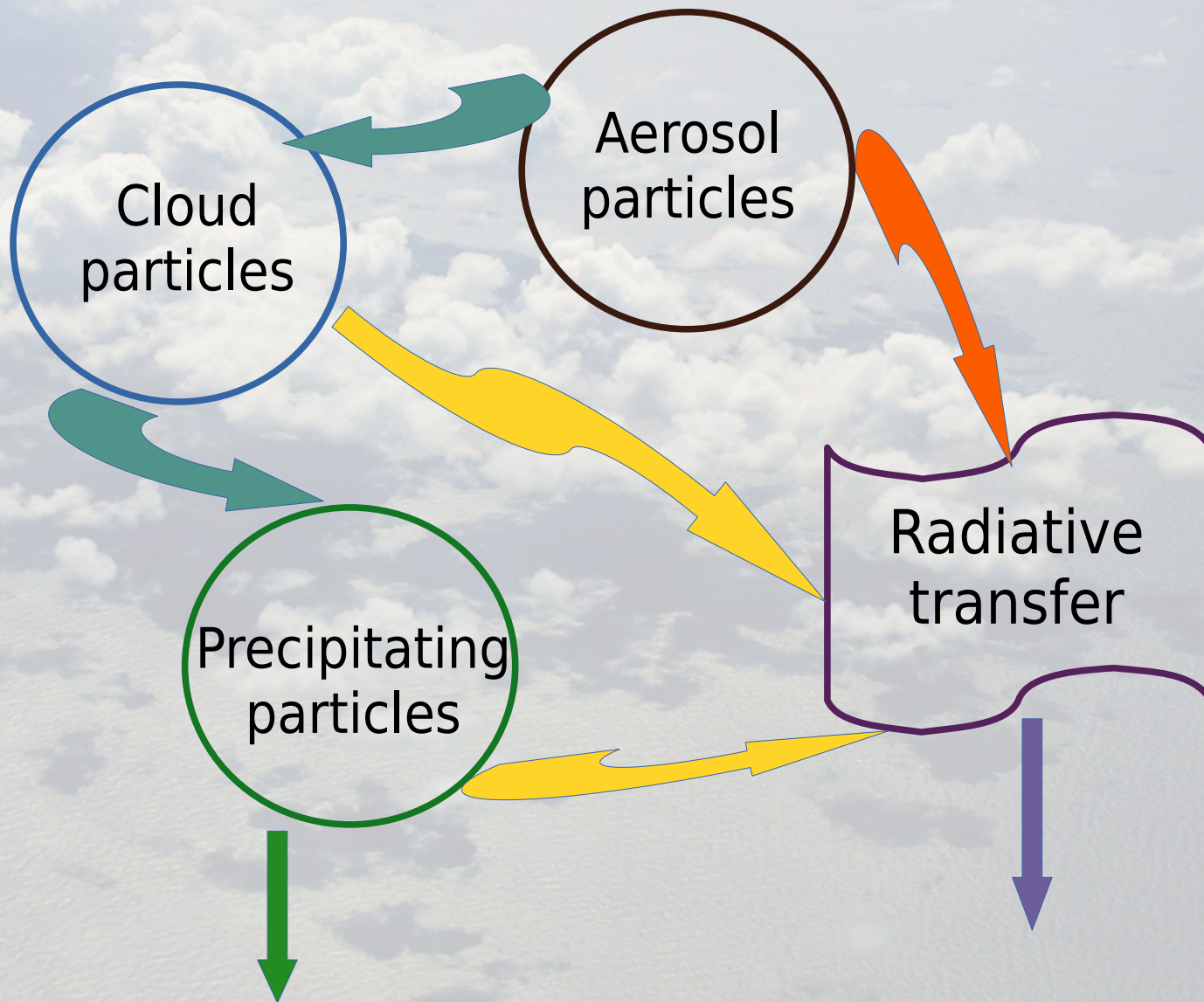
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Abstract: The direct radiative effect of aerosols is taken into account in many limited-area numerical weather prediction models using wavelength-dependent aerosol optical depths of a range of aerosol types.

Parametrization of microphysics and optical properties

Shown in ASW19:



optical and microphysical properties
radiation
precipitation

Solid, liquid precipitation

Solar, terrestrial radiation

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Renewal of the IOPs and MMRs for the limited-area ALADIN-HIRLAM NWP system

- ✓ Obtain the predefined IOPs for 30 wavelenghts (from ECMWF)

- ✓ Obtain the vertically integrated (2D) climatological or 3D near-real-time MMRs (from ECMWF/CAMS)

For 2D climatology, apply the prescribed vertical distributions → 3D MMRs

Combine 3D MMRs and prognostic humidity fields at each time step, gridpoint and level

- ✓ with the prescribed IOPs to obtain AOD, SSA and ASY of the aerosol mixture

Renew the 3 radiation schemes to use these fields for calculation of the aerosol transmission at each gridpoint and level

- ✓ done for hlradia only

Aerosol IOP=inherent optical properties MMR=mass mixing ratio

Advantages of this approach

- 1) Use of near-real time observation-based external aerosol data is optimal for regional NWP models
- 2) The same aerosol input applies for any radiation scheme
- 3) No need to know the optical properties for different aerosol species inside the radiation schemes
- 4) Aerosol MMRs might be used by the cloud-precipitation microphysics
- 5) The same approach is applicable for the use of real-time and climatological aerosol

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Diagnostic MUSC single-column experiments to study sensitivity of radiation to aerosol input

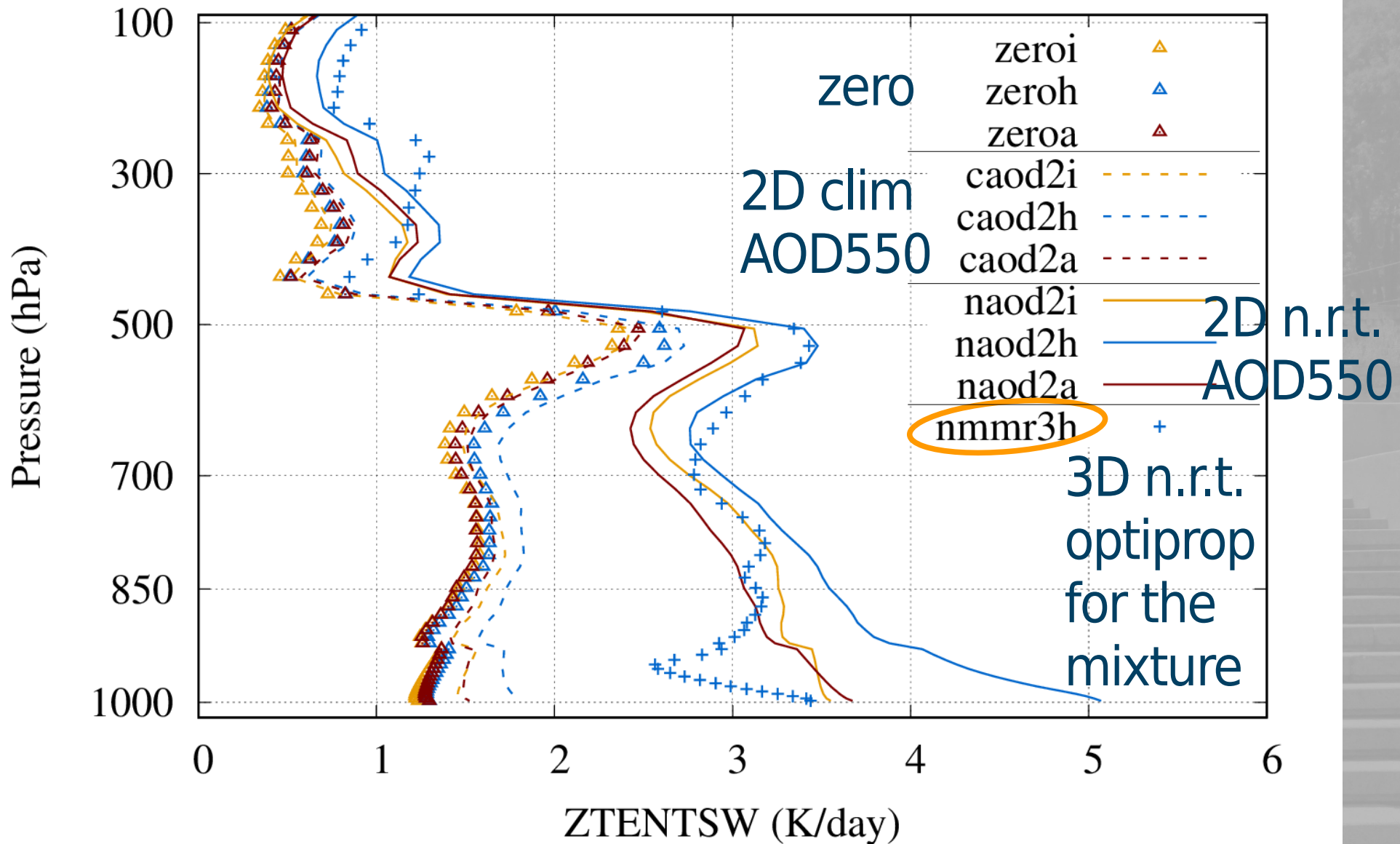
Table 1. Single-column experiments.

Experiment	Aerosol load (AOD or MMR)	Aerosol IOPs	Note
No aerosol input			
ZERO	none	none	all aerosols excluded
HSA	Savijarvi coefficients	not specified	aerosols assumed constant [27]
MMR input			
CMMR2	climatological total-column MMRs	IOPS [26] for 11 sp at 30 wl and 10 RH	2D CAMS MMR climatology as in [26]
NMMR3	n.r.t. MMR profiles	IOPS [26] for 11 sp at 30 wl and 10 RH	3D CAMS n.r.t. MMR data as in [11]
NMMR2	total-column MMRs from NMMR3	IOPS [26] for 11 sp at 30 wl and 10 RH	impact of vertical distribution
MMR series	like NMMR2 but modified MMRs	IOPS [26] for 11 sp at 30 wl and 10 RH	sensitivity to aerosol concentration
AOD550 input			
CAOD2	climatological total-column AOD550	IOPs [24,25] for 6 sp at 12 wl	2D Tegen climatology [23]
NAOD2	total-column AOD550 from NMMR3	IOPs [24,25] for 6 sp at 12 wl	for comparison of optical properties
AOD series	like NAOD2 but modified AOD550	IOPs [24,25] for 6 sp at 12 wl	sensitivity to optical properties

'sp' refers to aerosol species, 'wl' refers to wavelength and 'RH' to relative humidity. MMR and AOD refer to mass mixing ratio and AOD550 input, respectively. IOP stands for aerosol inherent optical properties that consist of ME, SSA and ASY in MMR experiments, and AOD scaling factor, SSA and ASY in the AOD550 experiments.

- + no time-stepping - no clouds - passive surface
- + real-time and climatological aerosol data extracted from 3D HARMONIE-AROME experiment output
- + new MMRs & IOPs for aerosol mixture introduced only to HLRADIA

Example: temperature tendency due to SW radiation with zero aerosol and AOD550 input



Another example: temperature tendency due to SW radiation AOD550 v.s. new MMR & IOP

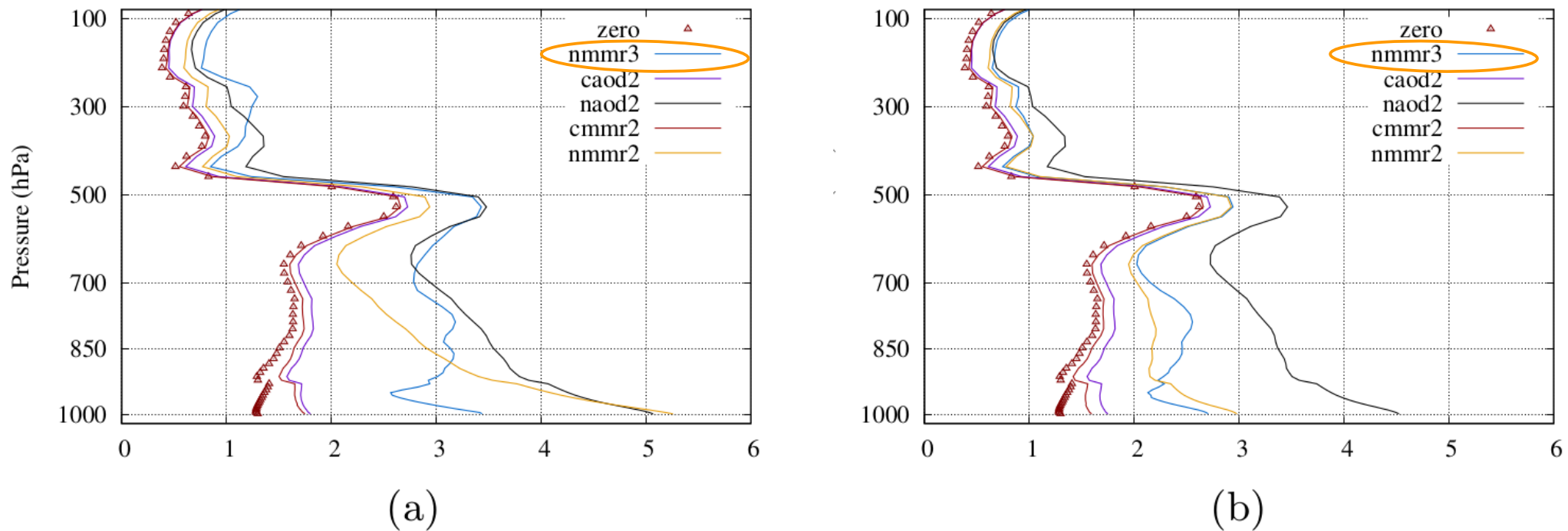
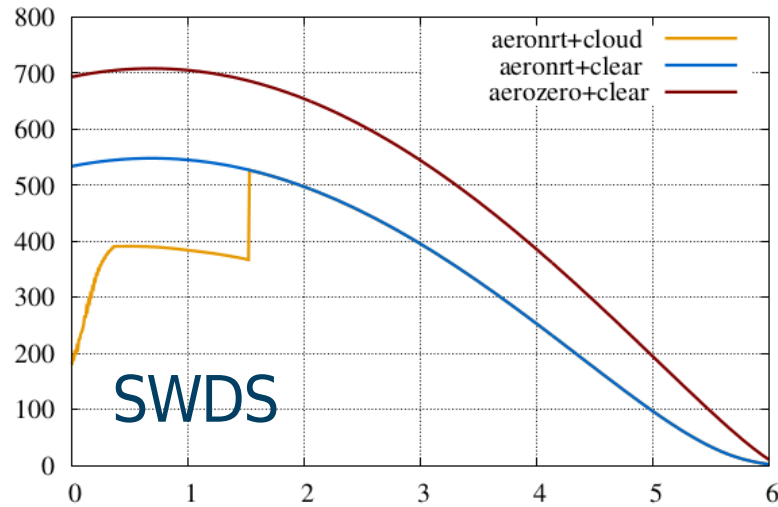
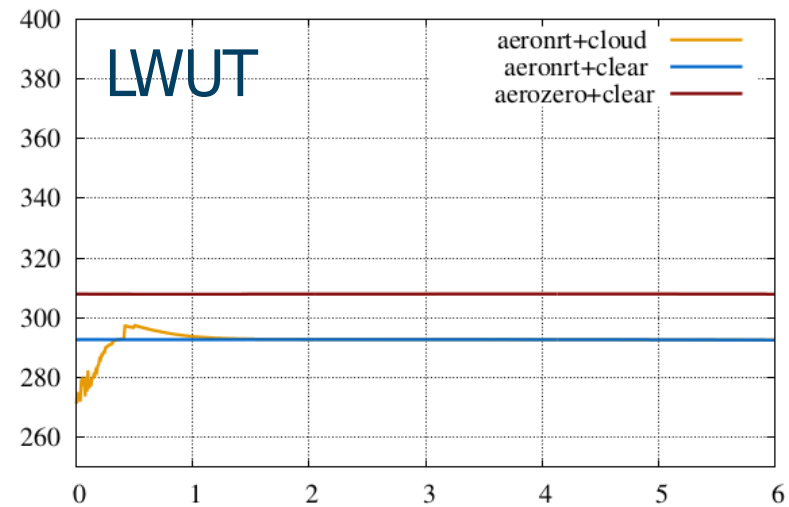
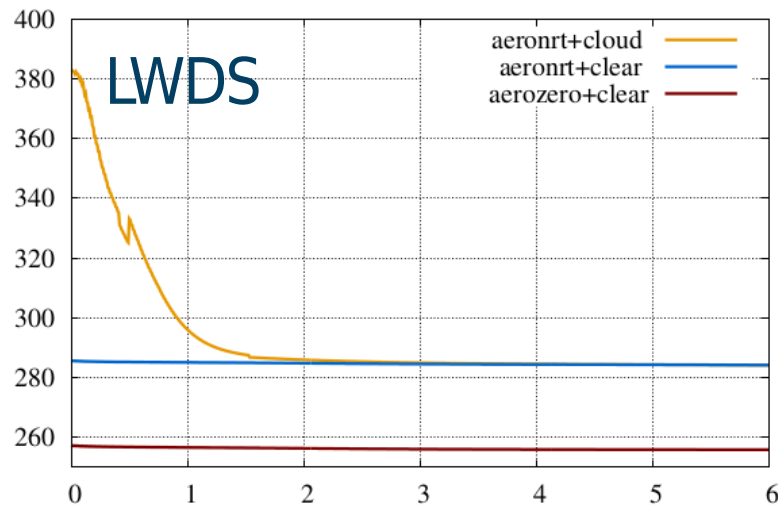
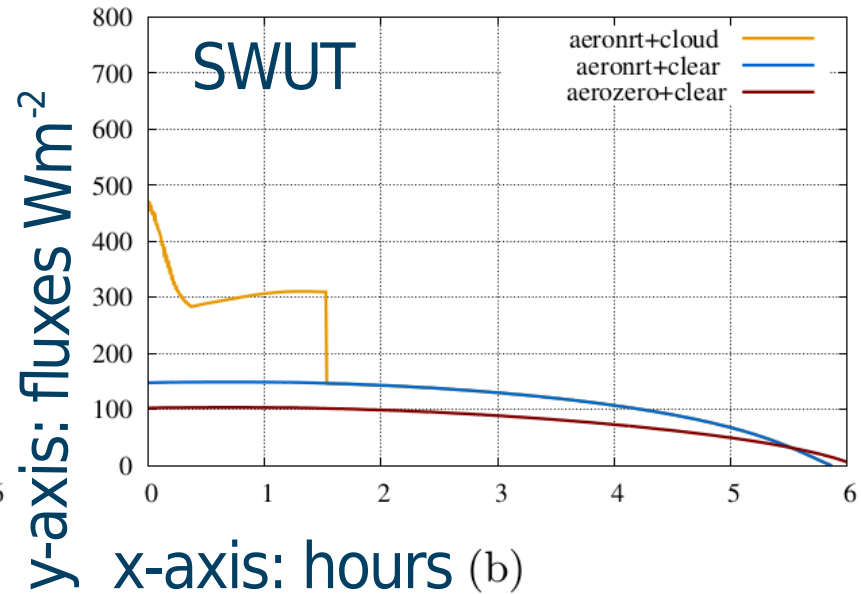


Figure 6. Temperature tendencies due to SW radiation (K/day) at Badajoz: (a) all species included (b) black carbon excluded. *y*-axis shows pressure in hPa. Figure legends correspond to the experiments as given in Table 1.

Cloud v.s. aerosol impact to radiation fluxes - a trial with prognostic MUSC



(a)



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- Consider introducing CAMS reanalysis-based aerosol climatology into HCLIM or other regional climate application within ALADIN-HIRLAM.

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Looking back to the starting point:
summer school in Odessa, 2011

What to do

**Study the influence of atmospheric aerosol
on meso-scale weather forecast
in the framework of HARMONIE**

- Potential importance of aerosol effects on NWP
- Starting point for learning and understanding
in the HARMONIE framework
- To be suggested to HIRLAM-ALADIN work plan 2012

**MUSCATEN Summer school 2011
OSEN, Odessa, 3-9 July 2011**

Starting points

Enviro-HIRLAM experience on aerosol

AROME cloud microphysics and ECMWF radiation

SILAM forest fire data assimilation and modelling, operational experience with volcanic ash

FMI – University of Helsinki aerosol experience

Presently working with radiation + aerosol for HARMONIE NWP:
Kristian Pagh Nielsen (DMI), Katya Horeva (RSHU), Emily Gleeson (Met Eireann), Tanya Ermakova (RSHU) ...

Next steps

Introduction of external aerosol to HARMONIE for a case study over summer 2010 Russian forest fires, comparison with Enviro-HIRLAM results

Feasibility study of aerosol and cloud microphysics interactions in HARMONIE – what could be improved in formulations and consistency between cloud and radiation handling

Starting from fog and stratus – as part of the stable boundary layer initiative?

Some early references to HARMONIE-related aerosol publications:

<https://sci-hub.tw/10.1016/j.atmosres.2014.10.011>

<https://sci-hub.tw/10.1016/j.atmosres.2014.11.018>

<https://sci-hub.tw/10.1016/j.atmosres.2015.08.001>

<https://sci-hub.tw/10.1016/j.atmosres.2016.01.003>

First steps

Implementation of improved aerosol direct effect handling into HIRLAM radiation (hrradia)
- code by Kristian Nielsen & Bent Sass, DMI

Preliminary sensitivity studies using 1D HIRLAM and aerosol test data. Implementation of improved hrradia to HARMONIE AROME framework

Testing within ENVIRO-HIRLAM, using available integrated aerosol

Testing within HARMONIE AROME using climatological aerosol and comparing with ECMWF radiation scheme results



Merci pour votre attention / Hvala za vašo pozornost!

Odessa, Potemkin stairs 2011



Merci pour votre attention / Hvala za vašo pozornost!

Wildfires on the main road from east to Havana, Cuba, 15.3.2020. Photo LR

Parametrization of the radiative transfer

Solar (SW) radiation: scattering and absorption

Terrestrial (LW) radiation: emission, absorption, scattering

Physico-chemical properties:

Mass concentration

Size

Shape

Composition

Grid-scale variables:

$T, q_v, q_i, q_l, q_s, q_g$

Aerosol (concentration)

Radiative fluxes

In the air:

Gas molecules

Cloud droplets and crystals

Aerosol particles

Optical properties:

Optical depth

Single scattering albedo

Asymmetry factor

Surface-atmosphere radiative interactions

Surface albedo and emissivity

Orographic radiation effects

Characteristics of surface types

Surface elevation

Aerosol forecasts

Filters

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Aerosols (2)

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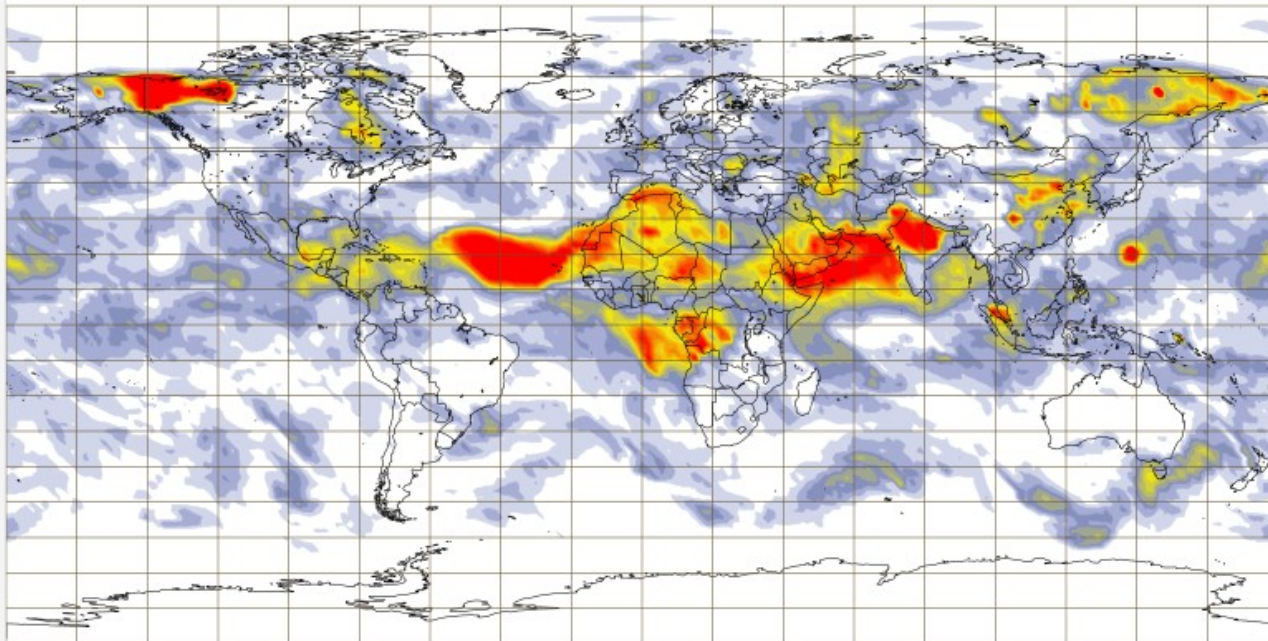
Base time

Area

Aerosol type

Filter results

Aerosol optical depth at 550 nm (provided by CAMS, the Copernicus Atmosphere Monitoring Service)
Sunday 8 Jul, 00 UTC T+3 Valid: Sunday 8 Jul, 03 UTC



Aerosol data
are available
from CAMS

Climatology and near-
real-time

Mass concentration
(x,y,z)

Inherent optical
properties:
mass extinction, single
scattering albedo,
asymmetry factor as
functions of
wavelength and
aerosol species

CAMS climatological or real-time 2D/3D mass mixing ratio of 11 aerosol categories

!SS1,SS2,SS3,DD1,DD2,DD3,OM1,OM2,BC1,SU

!CLSUF(1)='AEROMMR.SS1 ' Sea salt (RH, wavelength) size bin 1

!CLSUF(2)='AEROMMR.SS2 ' (hydrophilic) size bin 2

!CLSUF(3)='AEROMMR.SS3 ' size bin 3

!CLSUF(4)='AEROMMR.DD1 ' Desert dust (two flavours, wavelength) size bin 1

!CLSUF(5)='AEROMMR.DD2 ' (hydrophobic) size bin 2

!CLSUF(5)='AEROMMR.DD3 ' size bin 3

!CLSUF(7)='AEROMMR.OM1 ' Organic matter hydrophilic (RH, wavelength)

!CLSUF(8)='AEROMMR.OM2 ' hydrophobic (wavelength)

!CLSUF(9)='AEROMMR.BC1 ' Black Carbon hydrophilic (RH,wavelength)

!CLSUF(10)='AEROMMR.BC2 ' hydrophobic (wavelength)

!CLSUF(11)='AEROMMR.SUL ' Tropospheric sulphates (RH, wavelength)
(hydrophilic)

based on C-IFS forecasts that
include data assimilation

ALSO AVAILABLE:

SO2 precursor mixing ratio	aermr12
Volcanic ash aerosol mixing ratio	aermr13
Volcanic sulphate aerosol mixing ratio	aermr14
Volcanic SO2 precursor mixing ratio	aermr15

See the radiation poster for an
Iberian dust case example!

Aerosol optical properties prescribed by ECMWF

Assumptions for 11 aerosol species:

- Spherical particles
- Log-normal size number distribution
 - Prescribed refractive index and density of particles, depending on humidity

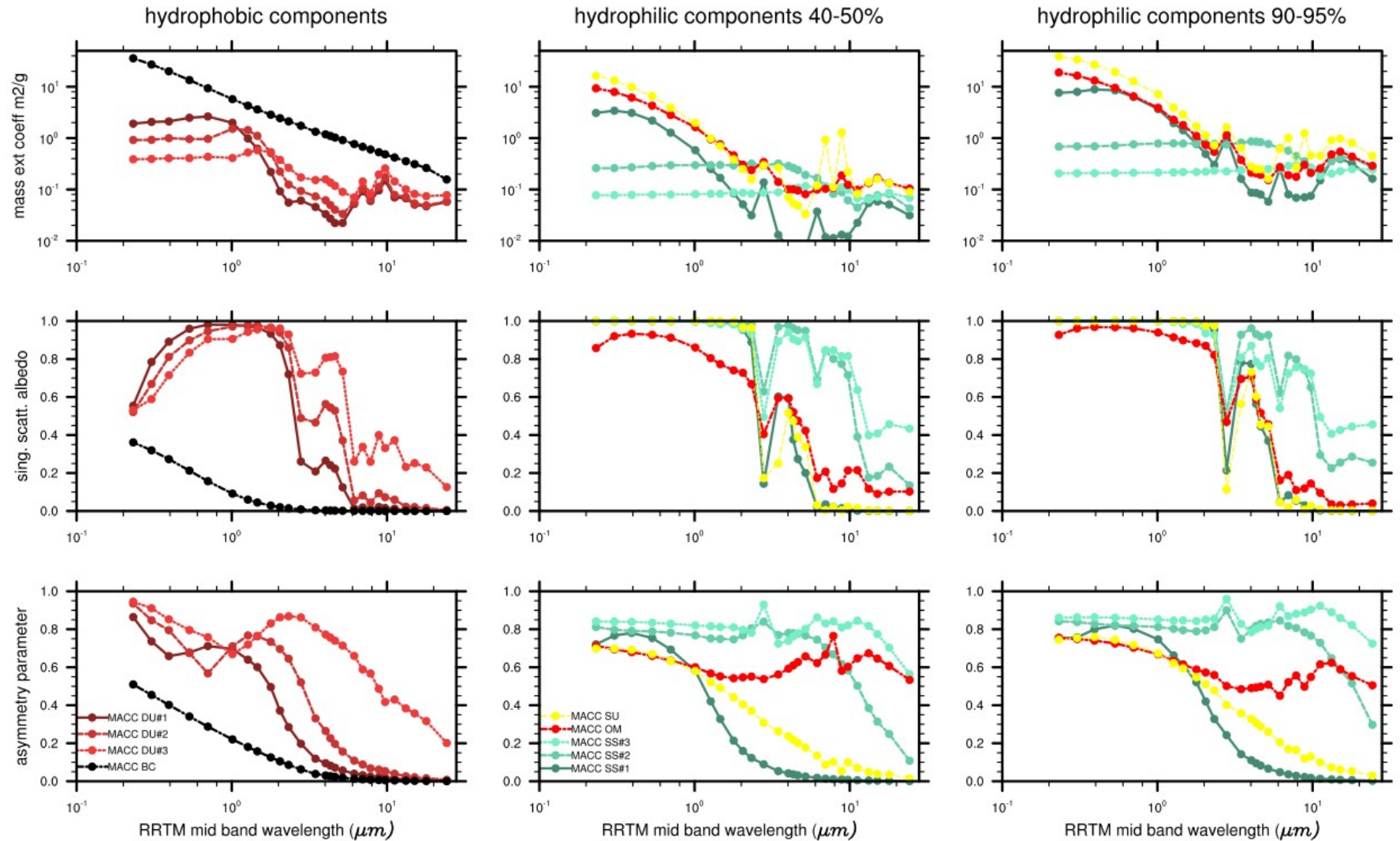
Mie scattering calculations →

Inherent optical properties of 11 aerosol types for 14+16 RRTM wavelengths

ME mass extinction coefficient - $AOD = ME * MMR$
SSA single scattering albedo - scattering/absorption
ASY asymmetry factor - direction of scattering

desert dust, black carbon

sulphate, organic, sea salt



ME

SSA

ASY

Figure 1: Optical properties of the aerosol species in the CAMS model for the 30 spectral bands of the ECMWF radiation scheme. For the hydrophilic species the mass extinction coefficient is computed with respect to the dry

Aerosol optics

Aerosol IOP* data available

SW [nm]	LW [μm]
3846 - 12195	28.57 - 1000.00
3077 - 3846	20.00 - 28.57
2500 - 3077	15.87 - 20.00
2151 - 2500	14.29 - 15.87
1942 - 2151	12.20 - 14.29
1626 - 1942	10.20 - 12.20
1299 - 1626	9.26 - 10.20
1242 - 1299	8.47 - 9.26
778 - 1242	7.19 - 8.47
625 - 778	6.76 - 7.19
442 - 625	5.56 - 6.76
345 - 442	4.81 - 5.56
263 - 345	4.44 - 4.81
200 - 263	4.20 - 4.44
	3.85 - 4.20
	3.08 - 3.85

Default radiation parametrizations in HARMONIE-AROME:

Solar radiation flux at 6 spectral intervals of IFS scheme

0.185 - 0.25 - 0.44 - 0.69 - 1.19 - 2.38 - 4.00 μm
0 % 11 % 38 % 35 % 15 % 0.4 %

Terrestrial radiation flux is calculated at 16 spectral intervals of the RRTM (IFS) scheme - but presently only AOD of 6 LW bands is used

Broadband IOP's needed for ACRANEB, HLRADIA

* IOP = inherent optical properties: mass extinction, asymmetry, single-scattering albedo

Practical steps within the forecast

Climate generation:

Read 2D monthly aerosol MMR fields and write to m-climate files
or

Boundary preparation:

Obtain 3D near-real-time MMR fields via horizontal boundaries

Setup:

Read aerosol optical properties from RADA IOP ascii file
into ME, SSA, ASY run-time arrays

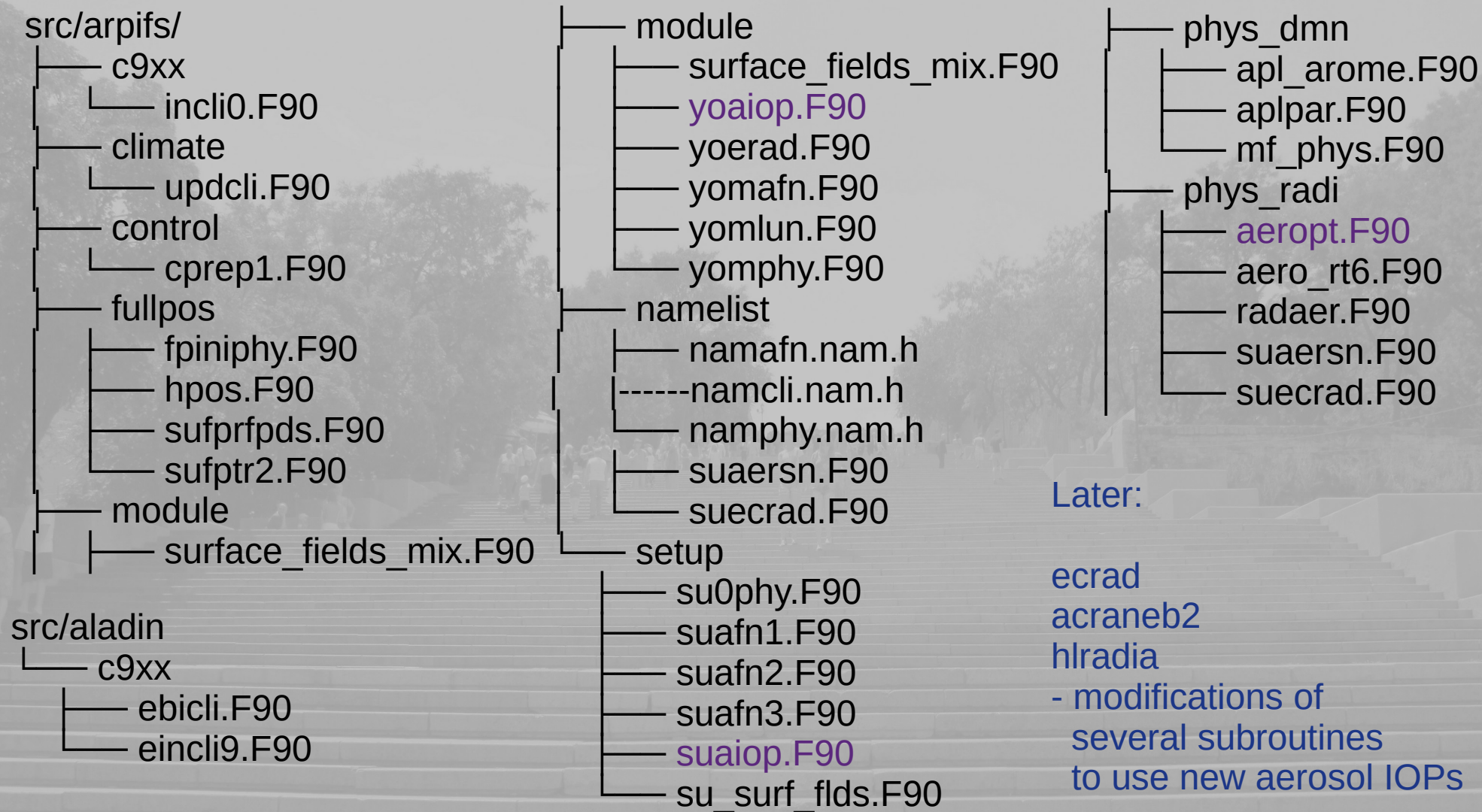
Every time step:

(Vertical structure of MMRs for climatology)

Combination of IOPs with MMRs and humidity

→ 3D optical properties depending on (wavelength, k_{lon} , k_{lev})
for input to radiation schemes

Radiative transfer calculations



Data from Alessio → HIRLAM-ALADIN climate/prescribed

MMRclim_gbst_2003-2011.nc → mmr.cams.m01_GL
macc_opt_43R1.nc → const/rrtm_const/RADAIOP

Data directly from CAMS

3D real-time aerosol for
radiation and
cloud microphysics